



Civil Air Patrol Resources

The Civil Air Patrol has more than 61,000 members — 35,000 in senior-member and 26,000 in cadet programs. They come from varied backgrounds — from police chiefs to schoolteachers, and from big cities and small towns. These differences matter little. What

does though is that all of these people want to be involved in their community — they want to help others — and they share a love of aviation.

Aviation Assets

The CAP Corporation owns 530 light aircraft, primarily Cessna 172s and 182s. Additionally, CAP members own another 3,500 aircraft that can be used to support assigned missions.

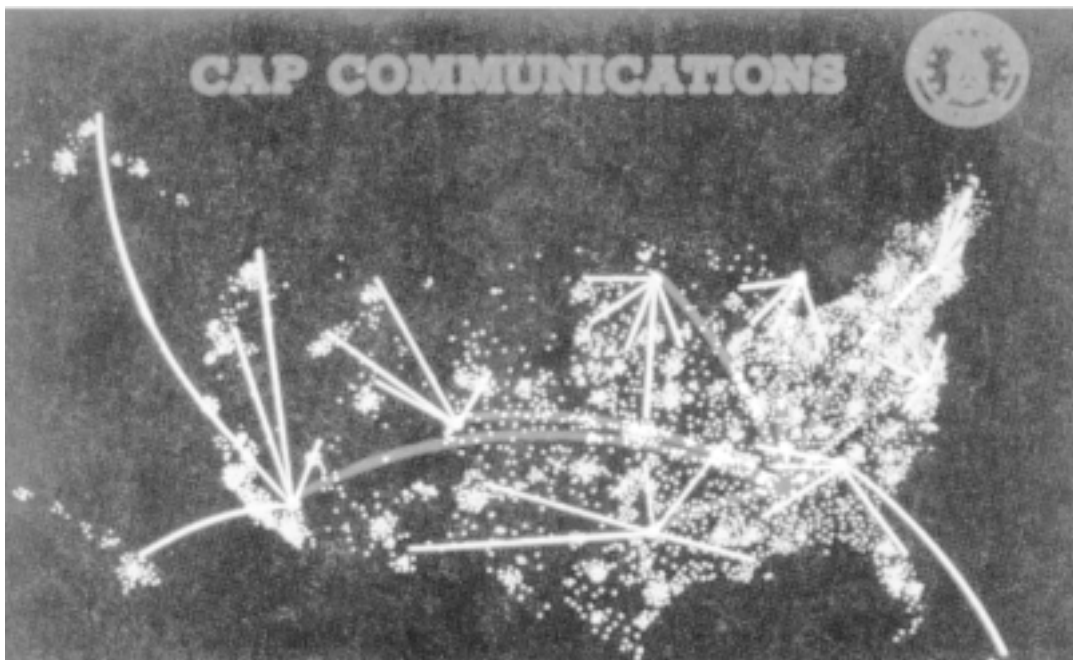
When all of these assets are combined, CAP operates the world's largest fleet of civil aircraft and flies nearly 140,000 hours each year.

An often overlooked resource is the number and experience of CAP pilots. One-third of all CAP members are FAA-qualified pilots.

“It’s a characteristic that shouts success and enthusiasm. The word carries the idea of the finesse of a ballerina and the tenacity of a junkyard dog. It’s called volunteerism. That’s what makes the country great; that’s what makes the Civil Air Patrol great ...”

Lt. Gen. Jay W. Kelley
Former Commander, Air University
Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.





Ground Assets

In addition to aircraft, the CAP Corporation owns 950 ground vehicles to support their missions.

Many of these vehicles are equipped with sophisticated communications equipment that becomes invaluable during disasters or extended SAR missions.

The counterdrug mission is supported by airborne video and thermal imaging equipment.

Communications

The Civil Air Patrol operates one of the largest communications systems in the country with more than 6,000 fixed land stations and more than 10,000 land and airmobile radios operated by over 20,000 trained communicators. This system consists of voice and automatic digital communications capabilities on long and short circuit paths. Hundreds of individual networks are

linked together to form a highly flexible and survivable nationwide traffic handling system.

The CAP National Digital Radio Network has drawn par-



ticular interest from other organizations such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency which has joined the network and included it in their emergency communications planning.

The NDRN consists of more than 2,000 computer based radio stations which take advantage of leading edge technology to automatically establish links as necessary and pass error-free message traffic throughout the system.

Because the system doesn't rely on telephone lines, it is highly survivable in the event of natural or man-made disasters and—also because of its radio-based architecture — it is extremely flexible allowing end-users to “plug” into the system from anywhere within radio range of one of the 500-plus system nodes across the country.

Supplies & Equipment

CAP screens mission-essential property from Defense Reutilization and Marketing Offices as a federal agent.

Each level of CAP also has a combination of appropriated, state, and donated funds to purchase equipment and support their missions.





What the Civil Air Patrol can do for you!

*Civil Air Patrol can assist you!
Cadets and senior CAP members
provide a wealth of talent
you can draw upon
for many different projects
and events.*

Special Events

Having an Open House/Airshow? Call the Civil Air Patrol to conduct your airshow survey.

Need assistance directing traffic, giving directions, handing out flyers or manning booths during your open house celebration? Call the Civil Air Patrol.

Exercise Manpower

Having an exercise and need people to play wounded or casualties? Call the Civil Air Patrol.

Operations Support

Need to complete a low-level route survey? Call the Civil Air Patrol. They can also help out with support for airfield photography.

Need to survey a crash site or environmental problem at your base? Call the Civil Air Patrol.

Need a backup communication source for your base disaster/reconstitution and recovery plan? The Civil Air Patrol can help.

Problems with ELTs sending a signal from your flight-line/base? Contact the Civil Air Patrol.

Community Ambassadors

Wondering who to call in the local community to help get the word out about a base project or initiative? Call the Civil Air Patrol.

Air power Advocates

Looking for speakers for local school activities or civic groups? Call the Civil Air Patrol.

Drill & Ceremony

Need an honor guard or drill team for a local event or ceremony? Call the Civil Air Patrol.

Education Force Multipliers

Develop closer ties with local schools by helping them sponsor aerospace education workshops.

Education Programs

Civil Air Patrol flight and academic scholarships are available for deserving young people at your installation.

Civil Air Patrol cadet programs provide Air Force recruiters with a



“Since the founding of the Civil Air Patrol in 1941, its volunteer members have given selflessly of their time, skills, and energy to ensure the safety and security of all Americans. Your courageous service and sacrifice represent the American spirit at its best.”

President Bill Clinton

pool of quality young men and women who have shown an interest in aviation. Close communications between U.S. Air Force recruiters and CAP units pay big dividends.

What You Can Do!

For more than 50 years, the Civil Air Patrol and the U.S. Air Force have worked closely together contributing to the welfare of the nation. This partnership, founded in Public Law 557, authorizes the U.S. Air Force to provide resources and equipment to support the Civil Air Patrol missions.

If you have any questions about what you can or cannot provide, call your state liaison officer or National Headquarters Civil Air Patrol at 1-800-FLY-2338.



"I salute you and the thousands of volunteers who served before you, for your sacrifice and dedication — both on the ground and in the air. From saving the lives of downed aviators to guiding and teaching our youth and expanding aerospace activities in America's schools, your contributions are immeasurable by any standards."

Gen. Michael E. Ryan
Air Force Chief of Staff